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own attempts at pictures are simply atrocious!

Just before I left, Carriston, the doctor's back being turned, asked me to step into another room. There he showed me the portrait of a man. It seemed very cleverly drawn and I presumed he wanted me to criticize it.

"I am a precious bad judge," I said.

"I am not asking you to pass an opinion," said Carriston; "I want to beg a favor of you. I am almost ashamed to beg it on so short an acquaintance."

He seemed modest and not in want of money, so I encouraged him to proceed.

"I heard you say you were going into the country," he resumed. "I want to ask you if by any chance you should meet the original of that drawing, to telegraph at once to Dr. Brand."

"Whereabouts does he live?"

"I have no idea. If chance throws him in your way phone me as I ask."

"Certainly I will," I said, seeing the young man made the request in some earnest.

He thanked me, and then gave me a small photograph of the picture. This photograph he begged me to keep in my pocketbook, so that I might refer to it in case I met the man he wanted. I put it there, went my way, and am sorry to say, forgot all about it. Had it not been for the strange cigar in my case bringing back Carriston's unusual request to my mind, the probabilities are that I should not have thought again of the matter. Now, by a remarkable coincidence, I was spending the night with the very man who, so far as my memory served me, must have sat for the portrait shown me at Brand's house.

"I wonder what I did with the photo," I said. I turned out my letter-case. There it was, right enough. Shading it with one hand, I carefully compared it with the sleeper.

The *licensess* is *indispensable*—leaving the *glare* out of the question.

Here Carriston looked at my cigar and said triumphantly. The meaning of that I have never had to this hour understood, but I laughed because I knew old Brand had for once made a mistake, and was going to be called to account for it. Carriston was about to speak, but the doctor waved him aside.

"Now, Richard, think very carefully. You speak of the missing finger-ring. We doctors know how many people pride themselves into all sorts of things. Tell me if you notice the licensess before you see the mutilated finger, or did the fact of the finger's being mutilated bring the licensess to your mind?"

"Bless the man," I said, "one would think I had no eyes. I tell you there is no doubt about this man being the original of the photo."

"Never mind—answer my question."

"Well, then, I am obliged to confess it, but I put the photo in my pocket, and forgot all about it until I had recognized the man, and pulled out the licensess to make sure. I didn't even know then that my member was wanting *reconsecration* to Brand! I'm not such a dunder as you think."

Brand did not retaliate, his voice as his friend and said gravely, "To see the earth is inexplicable. Take your own opinion, I presume you should." Then he sat down, looking dismally expectant, and waiting the diabolical expression always natural to him when he was in argument.

It was now Carriston's turn. He spoke with many questions. In fact, I gave him the whole history of my adventure. "What kind of house is it?" he asked.

"Better than a cottage—certainly a farm house. A place I should think, with a sizeable acre or two land belonging to it. As far as these *licensess* have meetings which are simply *entrees* to the country."

He made lots of other inquiries, the purpose of which I could not then divine, but I could see quite plainly that the man had been to the picture and was not pleased with it. At last he said, "How far is the place?" asked he, and I said, "Can you drive me there?"

At this question the doctor stopped. "The doctor?" he said. "What do you mean? Doctor is my friend."

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